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Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office at McKinney, Texas, for week ending Sept. 9, 1897:

R H Fowlkes and wife to Lee Code and Stephen Code, lot in Millwood, $100.

Grafton Williams and wife to M F Thompson, 44a Grafton Williams sur, love and affection.

G A Foote et al to A J and J A Caldwell, lot in Pecan Grove Cemetery, 25.00.

W H Humphries and wife to W G Strother, 20a Jacob Gregg sur, 500.00.

J T Gladden to G G Gladden, 15a M C Hamilton sur, 338.00.

W. B. Newsome and wife to A J Kemp, 79a Spotwood McGrigal sur; 12 21-100a James Jackson sur, 1500.

B C Reynolds et al to A J Kemp, 3a James Jackson sur, 25.00.

M A and W A Parker to R R Parker, 26a Mark R Roberts sur, 700.

R J and Samantha Gillespie to D. R Clark, 45a Samuel Craft sur, 1178.00.

Abbott and Wilson to R J Gillespie, 45a Samuel Croft sur, 906.00

R H Hillery and H D Crooker to T B Wilson, lot in McKinney, 200.00.

C M Byrd to W M Byrd, undivided 1-2 interest in 37 1-2a, Benj Thayer sur, 400.

Laura Byrd to F M and S E Putty, undivided 1-2 interest in 37 1-2a Benj Thayer sur, 400.00.

Andrew Malinary, by attorney J H Jonkins, to L A Scott, undivided interest in 313 6-10a Benj Bland sur, 225.00.

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Marriage Bells

Lincenses to wed issued by County Clerk Walden, for the week ending Sept. 9, 1897:

H. L. Cook and Miss Opha Needham.

W H Frider and Miss L C Donaldson.

Parker Jones and Miss Lizzie Reed.

G W Myers and Miss B G Bayall.

B D Brookins and Miss M E Driggers.

W B Chambers and Miss Sallie Graves.

D B Mills and Miss C A Kemp.

R E Brashears and Miss Maggie Carroll

J W Rutlege and Miss Eliza Turner.

C J Robertson and Miss Effie Summers.

J K Drury and Miss Etha Chandler

V A Hartman and Miss Viola Harmon.

J E Ivy and Miss Clara Hightower

P Caughron and Miss Ola Washborn.

D P Brumfield and Miss N E Stinson.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; their mercurial and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more virulent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.



Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pensylvania Ave., Washington, D.C., says: I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars. My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eighteen bottles, I was cured sound and well, my skin was without a blemish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. saved me from a life of misery." S.S.S. (*guaranteed purely vegetable*) will cure any case of blood poison. Books on the disease and its treatment mailed free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis of Plano were here Friday.

Miss Mary Magner is assistant teacher in Prof. Moseley's private school.

Mrs. F. E. Alexander of Greenville visited here the latter part of last week.

Master Benjamin Smith has been indisposed with a slight attack of fever for several days.

Fred Allison sustained painful internal injuries Friday by his horse rearing up and falling back on him.

United States Senator Mills, whose presence in McKinney was mentioned in our last issue, left Friday morning for Sherman. He spoke at that place to the Confederates next day.

Arthur Anderson returned Friday from Holly Springs, Miss., where he attended the bedside of his sick mother. His sister, Mrs. Euclid Fant, remained with her mother.

Miss Josie Parker has returned from a visit to Anna. Miss Parker in company with Miss Georgia Goforth visited the summer resort of Soldiers Springs.

Contractor John Martin has just completed Leslie Bush's residence near Allen. It was remodeled in a very attractive style and is now said to be the handsomest residence in or around Allen.

R. V. Daughtee of this city has just completed a store house in Allen for B. F. Lockhart & Son and also an office for Dr. Young who recently located there. Messrs. Lockhart and son will do a general merchandising business.

The cotton buyers and east side sluggers played a lotly contested game of ball at Rambo's park, Thursday. The score was 31 to 25 in favor of the former nine and the proceeds were donated to the Ladies cemetery association.

Miss Judith English, who taught in our city schools last year arrived from a prolonged visit at the Centennial and other Tennessee points, and in Arkansas. She was accompanied by Miss Nora O'Neal of Conway, Ark., who will be her guest during the fall and winter.

County Alliance

Collin county alliance meets with Cedar Alliance the third Wednesday in October, nine miles north of Farmersville.

J. L. Mays, President.
Merit, Tex.

Rural Nuptial Knot

The following marriage form was sent us by "Observer" from Weston. It gives some good advice in a rustic manner, while at the same time answering all requirements as one of Hymen's knots:

"Ruf you have a darling wife
To journey with you all through life;
So travel pleasantly together,
And milk the cows in stormy weather;
Draw the water and get wood to burn,
Dig the 'taters and sometimes churn;
Call her pet names and never try
To dictate just what she shall buy.
At the table have a pleasant look,
And don't forget to praise the cook.
Now, Mary Ann you must do your part
With helping hand and willing heart;
And try to cook what Ruf desires,
Provided he will build the fires;
But what to cook he must provide,
And how to cook you must decide;
I know that you have got a man
That will do the best he can
So hand in hand together roam,
Be kind to each other and stay at home
Be kind to the mate to you given,
And try to secure a home in heaven.
Do right and when your life is done
You'll gladly greet your setting sun.

GENERAL NEWS.

Sam Parker, a prominent Cecil, Ga., citizen, was brutally shot down by a desperado named Dampier Sunday as he was on his way to church.

The Iron Mountain freight wreck at Hanson, I. T. Sept. 12 resulted in the instant killing of six persons and fatally injuring two others.

Miss Ida Soloczkowski, aged 18, who was shot in the back Aug. 21 by William Bowland, died from her wounds Saturday. Bowland committed suicide after shooting the young lady.

At Macan, Ga., on the 12th Jim Smith and Charlie Gibson both negroes, fell out over 30 cents and the latter shot the former to death and fled. He was overtaken by officers and gave battle until brought down by three winchester balls. He was then captured and confessed to the outrage of Miss Chapman, highly respected white lady, a few nights before whereupon the crowd strung him up to the first limb.

TEXAS POLITICAL SENSATION.

Democratic Leaders Involved in a Southern Pacific Scandal.

PROPOSITION LOOKING TO A COMPROMISE OF REBATE SUITS--MILLIONS LOST TO THE STATE BY THE DEAL--AGRICULTURAL CLASSES AROUSED.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Sept. 9.—The biggest political sensation Texas has known in years seems about ready to develope. It involves a half dozen or more of the shining lights of the state Democracy, including ex-Gov. James S. Hogg, attorney General and candidate for Governor M. M. Crane, Railroad Commissioner Allison Mayfield and several others almost as widely known. In fact, for weeks it has appeared as though Judge John H. Reagan, chairman of the State railway commission and god-father of all the Bryanites in the state, would be ensnared in the trap that will undoubtedly bruise the state administration and injure the party. It is the agreement between Attorney General Crane and the Southern Railroad Company, by which the railroad company, with 7000 cases against it for rebating, is to be let off with the lowest fine in fifty of said cases, or $25,000 in all.

The history of the discovery of the practice of which the Southern Pacific had been charged, in making rebates to certain shippers, was developed last June, when E. M. Underhill, general auditor of the Atlantic division of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at New Orleans, was discharged by the company. Underhill held voucher stubs in his possession that showed every rebate which had been given. The Southern Pacific officials tried to make him give these up, but, acting upon the advice of an attorney, Underhill placed the stubs in the vault of a banker friend, N. H. Weeks, of Galveston. Underhill and Weeks had served together in the Confederate army, and Weeks, smarting under the alleged indignities that had been imposed upon Underhill by the Southern Pacific, urged the ex-auditor to go before the State Railroad Commission with his stubs and show that body what the Huntington system had been doing. This was done and the fun at once began.

Connecting lines of the Southern Pacific were drawn into the net, and had the limit been given in all the cases assessed against the Southern Pacific that road would have been bankrupted. State Treasurer W. B. Wortham was made aware of the situation. He swore vengeance upon the railroad men who had violated the commission law, and declared they should be prosecuted in the letter and spirit of the law if he could bring it about, and that no compromise should be considered without his consent. The attorneys of the Southern Pacific, in their distress, rushed to ex-Gov. Hogg and entreated him to help them defend their line. Hogg made the railroad commission, and he dared not go before the Texas courts and argue that its rullings were invalid.

Early in July Hogg called a conference of the leading Democrats from all parts of the state to meet in Galveston. The meeting was held, and the compromise referred to was considered the better horn of the dilemma. C. W. Bain, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, is Judge Reagan's bosom friend; Hogg also had bosom friends among the railroad men; and both urged that it would never do to prosecute such warm friends as would inevitably be the case if all the charges of rebating against the railroads were allowed to stick, so the Southern Pacific was to plead guilty in fifty cases, receive the lowest possible penalty of $500 in each case, and have the other 6950 similar cases held up, virtually dismissed.

To this arrangement Attorney General Crane agreed. Railroad Commissioner Allison Mayfield signed the compromise. Right here the murmurings of disapproval began. Banker Weeks, of Galveston, a very influential man, was determined that the Southern Pacific should not be let off so lightly. He began to raise a disturbance with the state administration. The people took up the cries of "fraud," "negligence of duty," etc., and Railroad Commissioners Reagan and Storey failed to sign the compromies agreement. They have so far failed to attach their signatures to the "surrender," as the country voters have begun to call it. There the matter rests, with the railroad attorneys clamoring for a compromise, and the people clamoring for a full and fair prosecution of every case of rebating against every railroad in Texas.

The Republicans and Populists want no better weapon than Crane and Mayfield's utter lack of duty, or than the story of Hogg, the professed inveterate foe of monopolies, patching up a compromise with the state. Every newspaper in the state will soon be forced to take notice of the compromise.

Attorney General Crane, an eager candidate for Governor, while in Dallas a few days ago, is said to have told a friend that he was between the devil and the deep sea. If he prosecuted the railroads they would fight him for governor; if he did not prosecute, the people would ruin him, and if he compromised with the railroads the "boys from the forks of the creek" would injure his chances. The situation is a critical one with the Democratic party in Texas. All the party leaders are alarmed. Republicans and Populists are correspondingly jubilant. The Democracy is being prodded from without and within. The excitement has fairly begun. It is expected to rapidly increase in intensity.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Pay in Great Britain

In Great Britain and in many of Continental countries the governments maintain postal savings banks in which the poor can deposit their little savings from time to time and get a low rate of interest on them. In England this postal savings department, run in connection with the post-office, performs a variety of service that is of the greatest benefit to the people. It provides a system for receiving the small deposits even of children, a cheap and safe system of sending small sums of money from one point to another, and it issues life insurance policies for small amounts. In this way poor people are encouraged to form habits of economy and thrift and also to make provision for sickness, accident, and for old age, and can do this all at a very nominal expense, and are never in danger of losing a life's work by a bank failure, or having the insurance company break after paying it premiums for years. —Gov. Altgeld.

Capt. W. H. Love of this city is a prominent candidate for the position of United States Marshal for the Northern district of Texas. The commission of the present incumbent will expire in about a year, before which time it is not probable that President McKinley will make an appointment. Capt. Love came to Texas in 1831 and is extensively engaged in farming in West Collin, but resides with his family in McKinney. He has always been an ardent republican but never before asked for office at the hands of his party. Seventeen of the thirty delegates from Texas to the last national convention, seventeen of the thirty-one state executive committeemen and seven of the thirteen congressional committeemen, of whom he is chairman, endorse him for the position, besides other flattering endorsements from influential republicans and citizens of all parties.

The Sherman Daily Register has been sold by Capt. Tom Richards to Prof. H. L. Piner. The latter has purchased the lease of C. S. Dulin who has been conducting the paper and Frank Andrews will edit and manage it in the future.

A natural gas explosion near Indianapolis, Ind., caused six persons to be burned to death and thirty others severly injured.

The old party press has busied itself lately circulating an alleged interview with Tom Watson to the effect that the populist party is dead. This is on a par with their usual methods of opposing the peoples party. Watson over his own signature says, "It is not true that I have ever said that Populism is dead, or on its last legs. upon the other hand, I have repeatedly said that the people at large are sicker than ever of the misgovernment and corruption of both old parties, and that Populist sentiment is strongerthan ever."

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Democrats Dismayed.

Denver, Colo., September 7.—There is consternation among democrats over the discovery that the State convehtion which met here yesterday nominated a Cleveland democrat as a candidate for justice of the supreme court.

The nominee, John A. Gordon, took an active part in the Pueblo convention in 1892 and led a bolt from the convention after it repudiated Grover Cleveland on account of his position on the money question.

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The Queen & Crescent will sell excursion tickets at low rates to the mountains and seashore resorts every day from June 1st to September 30th, inclusive; with final limit October 31, 1897.

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"	No 3	9:47 a. m.
"	No. 15	12:28 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:10 p. m.
"	No 4	5:53 p. m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves,	10. 45 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives,	6.25 p. m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 1897.

F. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

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Thanks.

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J. R. Edwards.
J. A. Pollard.
R. C. Fisher.
E. P. Cox,
C. B. Moor,
W. M. Norris.

Texas has five ex-governors living viz. F. R. Lubbock, R. B. Hubbard, O. M. Roberts, L. S Ross and J. S. Hogg.

Early in the week Houston and Galveston interdicted traffic with New Orleans as a precaution against yellow fever.

In his late Dallas speech R. Q. Mills said "The federal courts ought to be abolished and abolished now."

A one-fare rate for round trip to the State fair will be given by all roads from points within 100 miles of Dallas. Beyond the 100 mile limit 4 cents for the round trip will be charged.

In this issue of THE DEMOCRAT the 'sensational' article published in the Globe Democrat regarding the compromise with the Southern Pacific railroad with the Texas railroad commission thro' attorney General Crane is reproduced. Since its publication attorney General Crane and all three of the Comissioners deny that anything has been done derogatory to the interest of the people. Mr. Crane promises to make a public exposition of the matter in a short while.

There seems to be no doubt but that our city will in the near future procure a system of waterworks. The citizenship demands it. The interest of our town and county call for it. It is a "burning" necessity. In view of this fact our city fathers would do well to investigate the experience of other towns and cities in establishing and maintaining waterworks. We have read considerable in recent years about the trials and troubles of municipalities in grappling with private operations of public utilities. If an individual or a private corporation of individuals can operate a system of waterworks at a profit. Why, it follows, that a municipality can do the same. On the other hand if a loss is to be sustained, it is a fact that the municipality—the entire citizenship—is more able to lose than an individual or a private corporation. The city, by all means, should own its own waterworks' plant, in the interest of the public good.

A Running Sore

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"I was afflicted with dyspepsia. I could get nothing to cure me until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have taken three bottles and now I am cured." JOHN [illegible], New Haven.

SOUTHERN Texas was visited by a disastrous storm Sunday night. Several lives were lost and crops were damaged.

GALVESTON, Houston and other South Texas towns are cleaning up and enforcing their sanitary ordinances. The former place has quarantined.

THE strike situation is still grave in Pennsylvania and other mining states. Friday, deputy sheriffs fired into a large body of strikers and killed a score of them. United States troops are now on the scene to prevent further trouble.

Nearly 22,500 bales of cotton were marketed in McKinney during 1896. A recent Dallas News special giving estimates from a dozen leading business men of the town place the probable 1897 sales between 14,000 and 20,000 bales.

The Chicago Record is advocating the Postal Savings bank and is getting up a petition to congress to be presented at the next session, favoring a bill which the Record proposes to introduce. This is another measure which the much despised populist party has advocated from its origin up to the present. The Houston Post, the acknowledged democratic organ of Texas says: "The Post can only hope that the Record's purpose may be accomplished, for more than once has this paper advocated the postal savings plan."

"The record has framed a bill which it proposes to have introduced next winter, but it is doubtful if the honor of the reform can be claimed by the Chicago paper should the bill pass. Farseeing and wideawake citizens of this country for twenty years past have been advocating this change. But to whomsoever the honor may belong let us get abreast with Canada, New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Russia, Hungary, Sweden and Great Britain. Let the poor depositor have a show for his money."

A Reform That Is En Route.

Reforms never go backward. Their progress may be slow, but they get there, and generally in good shape. Reforms that only a few years ago were considered the dreams of enthusiasts, or the wild ravings of cranks, are now in successful operation. Reformers are all cranks until the world catches up with them, for they are always in advance of the age they live in.

Newton, Kepler, Harvey, Stephenson, Watt, Morse and Edison were typical cranks, and there are cranks in these days who will illuminate the pages of history in the near future. Rural free mail delivery, like all the salutary reforms that have gone before is by some declared to be entirely visionary and its advocates cranks. When we have mail matter delivered and collected along every public road in thickly peopled sections, then the crank will become the reformer and the people will call him a philosopher. This is a reform that will come. The first is passed. It has been discussed, and to some extent experimented with, and the result has been favorable. When the government spends $500,000,000 a year, and is preparing to spend more, surely five or ten millions—1 or 2 per cent, of the grand total—can be spared for this great work. Merchants, lawyers, doctors manufacturers—all citizens of considerable towns—have their incoming mail delivered and their outgoing mail collected free of charge to the individual. Why discriminate against the farmers? Cannot the politicians who praise the staid virtues of the farmers, and exalt the importance of agriculture before the election, lift their voices in favor of the matter of so great importance to farmers after they have the office so anxiously desired. They will have to come to it after a while anyway, and will only save time and perhaps some trouble, by falling into line and keeping step with the march of progress.—Farm and Ranch.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Of Commissioners' Court — Esq. Tom W. Perkins' Resigns and J. R. Abernathy Fills the Vacancy.

The commissioners' court met in extra session Monday and adjourned next day. Tom W. Perkins presented his resignation as Justice of the Peace precinct 5 which was accepted by the court and J. R. Abernathy of Plano appointed to the vacancy. As soon as it became known that Mr. Perkins' intended resigning a lively contest for the appointment was entered into by three candidates who presented flattering petitions signed by their respective friends to the commissioners. These three applicants were Murphy Berryman of Wylie and Messrs. J. D. Cottrell and J. W. Miller of Plano. In order to avoid the greatest dissatisfaction arising among the friends of the unsuccessful applicants by the appointment of either one of these three the commissioners decided to appoint Mr. Abernathy as above stated. The new alcalde at once filed his bond and qualified for the duties of the office.

LIMIT OF TAXATION.

A Letter from the Attorney General's Office Defining the Law

RELATIVE TO THE ASSESSMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF TAXES FOR Mc KINNEY.

The question of water works is still being agitated by our citizens. How to raise the necessary funds is a point in the discussion of the subject. Mayor J. M. Pearson wrote to the attorney general for information and received the following:

Attorney General's Office.
Austin, Sept. 9, 1897.

Hon. J. M. Pearson, Mayor,
McKinney, Texas.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date I beg to say that article 486 of the Revised Statutes of 1895 fixes the limit of taxation for cities incorporated under the general law. The total amount which your city can levy, if incorporated as stated in your letter, is 25 cents for current revenues, 50 cents for the support and maintenance of schools, 15 cents for roads, streets and bridges, and 25 cents for permanent improvements, such as city halls, school buildings, water works, sewers, and other permanent street improvements. The 50 cents for the support and maintenance of the schools cannot be used as the basis for the issuance of bonds, but under the constitution and statutes the total amount that the city can use for the purpose of creating a bonded indebtedness is 25 cents authorized by law to be levied for public improvements of every character. When this has been exhausted the city has reached its limit. The 50 cents has to be used for the support and maintenance of schools and not for the construction of public buildings or the purchase of sites therefor.

Very truly yours,
E. P. HILL,
Office Asst. Attorney General.

REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE.

Chairman Green Calls His Executive Committee To Meet in Dallas Oct. 12.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 12.—The following has been given out by republican State Chairman E. H. R. Green:

Republican State Headquarters, Dallas, Tex., Sept. 11.—The republican State executive committee of Texas is hereby called to meet at the Oriental Hotel, in the city of Dallas, at 12 m., Tuesday, Octoper 12, proximo, for the transaction of such business as may come before them. All members are warned to be present and each is requested to be prepared to submit to the committee a full report as to the condition of the party in his district, with such recommendations as he may deem necessary to perfect organization, preparatory to the coming campaign. E. H. R. Green,
Chairman of the republican state executive committee.

All McKinney citizens interested in waterworks should be present at the regular city council meeting, next Tuesday night, at the city hall. The question has been a "burning" one for five or six years past, but a fresh impetus has been infused into it by the recent big citizens' petition which was presented to the Mayor and council. As chairman of the waterworks committee, Alderman T. T. Emerson has not been idle. On next Tuesday night he will present a detailed estimate of the cost of a thorough system submitted by an eminent hydraulic engineer who has personally gone over the city and observed the situation, and who has given Waxahachie and other Texas towns splendid waterwork facilities. Go out and see and hear for yourself the attitude of our city dads on this question of the hour.

Elocution Recital.

Miss Ludie Lindsey, of Denison, gave an elocutionary recital to a delighted audience that filled the Presbyterian church almost to its fullest capacity, Friday evening. The fair elocutionist was at ease in every impersonation. She is endowed with fine voice, grace and expression to a remarkable degree and has developed her natural gifts by a thorough course of instruction under Prof. P. B. H. Shearer, the eminent teacher so well known in McKinney. The recital was interspersed with music, piano and vocal, that added much to the evening's entertainment. Miss Lula Allison rendered the piano numbers and with her sister Miss Della, sang several duets. Master Walter Emerson's solos were also a feature of the affair that will not soon be forgotten by those present.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

Wedding—Nevada Hustler Suspends—After Waterworks Personal Mention.

Sept. 14, 1879.

The Young People's Baptist Union was well attended last Sunday, and an interesting program was carried out.

Ed Derning of McKinney was over last Sunday.

Mrs. B. J. Bunkley and Miss Beulah Bunkley will go with Mrs. Dr. John Bunkley to Seymour this week. They expect to be away two or three months.

Gus Hooks was over from Plano last Sunday, and returned the next day.

Tip Jones of Copeville was visiting in Farmersville last Sunday.

Elisha Reeves Esq. of McKinney was visiting in our town last Sunday.

Miss Bettie Wright has returned from Clarksville, where she has been visiting friends.

Albert Hardin was over from Greenville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Utt have returned from the west. Mr. Utt reports good times out there.

Joe Unquhart was in Dallas last week

J. V. Shipp has moved from Bullards, Texas, back to old Collin. We welcome him back again.

Jim Brown has recently returned from his old home in Missouri.

Large crowds attend the protracted meeting at the tent erected by the Christian church at this place.

J. L. Chapman will soon have his new house complete in east Farmersville.

Doug Robinson and Miss Vada Rainor were married at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, Rev. Phelps officiating. The bride's parents were at church only a short distance away and knew nothing of the nuptials taking place so near them.

Dr. Mosely from Dallas was in the city last week to see his nephew Charley Johnson who had his arm so badly lacerated in Coffey & Wright's gin last week.

J. E. Jones of Copeville was in the city Monday.

Tom Fry of Waxahachie was in the city a day or so ago.

Geo. Hardin attended court at McKinney, Monday.

Will Hazel is again behind the counters at Thomas & Aston's drug store.

Will Hildreth was in McKinney Monday.

L. C. Clifton and Haynes Bell were in Dallas last Monday.

Rufus Wylie has accepted a position to travel on the East Line and buy cottonseed for the McKinney Oil Mill.

Mrs. N. B. Millican is yet on the sick list.

Newt Wardlow and R. Van Brown arrested several parties last Saturday on the charge of crap shooting. We learn that all the cases were dismissed on account of lack of evidence.

John Murchison Jr., went to Dallas Sunday night.

Doug Rike was in Waco last week.

Tom May was on the sick list last week.

The Nevada Hustler has suspended publication.

Farmersville needs waterworks, her citizens want waterworks now who will take the lead in obtaining waterworks? We hope to see this question agitated with a vim until some early action is taken favorable to this much desired enterprise which adds to convenience, health, protects property and decreases insurance.

ORIENT.

LOKEY LONGINGS.

Meeting at Fayburg—Births—Real Estate Deal—Good Corn and Cotton Crop. Oln Accident.

Sept. 13, 1897.

Recent showers are interfering with cotton picking.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Fayburg Christian church.

Esq. J. R. Self and Pat Reliford are here from Farmersville today.

Z. Conley and Schooler brothers are transacting business in Farmersville today.

J. L Gailey and family of Free Grass were Visitors at Mr. Conley's home yesterday.

J. L. Mays and J. F. Cashion are in Fayburg today.

H. H. Parkhill is in Delta county.

Z. Coley has sold his old home place to Esq. J. R. Self of Farmersville.

Fine baby boys have lately made their appearance into the home circles of Jim Pardhill Jr. and Bud Carson.

H. T. Ashley formerly of Lokey, but now of Brushy, was a visitor here Sunday.

Grandma Dudley returned home last week after a two months visit to her son, W. H. Dudley of Climax.

We have a very good corn crop in this section and a splendid cotton crop. It is much better than first expected.

Mrs. Mollie Conley has a sick baby at this writing.

Dr. Johnson moved into our midst last week.

Dr Fuller of Pike was in our community to-day.

There are several farmers of this place in a great hurry to go to Southern Texas.

Mrs. Bradley is suffering from a cancer.

W. H. Dudley of Climax made a quick trip on the 9th to his sister Mrs. Ida Cooper. He had a very sore hand which was injured in his gin the day before.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cashion entertained a large number of young people at their home one night recently.

DEW DROP.

HICKMAN HAPPENINGS.

Rains Welcome But Damaging to Cotton—Alliance Membership Growing—Six Weddings.

Sept. 14th, '97.

The recent rains have cooled the air considerably, but are bad on cotton that is open. The cotton crop is going to be short this year.

W. T. Price is doing a good business with his cotton gin. He is getting some cotton hauled from near Blue Ridge.

The Farmer's Alliance at this place is steadily increasing in members and interest. They are making some arrangement about buying their groceries, and other Alliances are welcome to enter the band.

Several of our citizens have been to Raines and other counties on the look for places to rent but most of them come back and seem to think they will try old Collin a while longer.

We have heard of six weddings near here during the last fortnight, and we are not going to be surprised if we hear the bells ringing again soon, so listen.

T. A. Bailey, an old citizen of this place, but now a resident of Greenville, was on our streets last week.

"TICK."

The last legislature enacted a law making it a misdemeanor for any person who shall, hereafter, gather any pecan nuts upon enclosed land not owned, leased or controlled by him, or who shall cut, destroy, or injure pecan timber upon lands not his own. Upon conviction the violator is punishable by a fine ranging from three to five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The wanton and reckless destruction of pecan trees by others than their owners has jeopardized the existence of the pecan industry and threatens the extinction of the pecan from our state. Hence, the legislature deemed it expedient to take prompt and vigorous action to protect this valuable Texas growth.

District Court Suits.

Of the forty suits recently filed with District Clerk Hall to be tried at the next term of district court seventeen are divorce cases. Other suits of more than passing interest that have been placed upon the docket are:

Wm. E. Deal et al vs J. B. Engleman, a suit involving $12,000 rents. The defendant is an old and wealthy Collin county citizen and is the grandfather of the plaintiff in the suit.

Lewellen Hicks et al vs John B. Harris is the style of a damage and partition suit wherein the plaintiff mentioned and the defendant are sister and brother.

John W. Dowdy et al vs Joe Thomasson is another one in which the parties to the suit are related.

J. W. Fields et al vs McKinney Loan and Saving Association is a suit for damages and asking that a receiver be appointed for the Association. This case will be of especial interest to citizens of McKinney.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Sept. 8, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Baker Hattie	Jones J R
Bailey Elwin	Thomas Blanch
Davis Hattie	Lein M E
Buncan Billey	Reese Dora
Gilmore Maggie	Smith Homer
Goeman Lou	Word Lucia
Hardin Annie	Wetsel Lillie
Hamilton Tillie	Wood M W
Higgins Lular	Williams J W

GENTLEMEN.

Allen Luther	McDonald Billie
Bennett W B	McDonald J A
Cannon Burett	Mallory Willie
Cabb Will	May C S
Cain F M	Owens W O
Davis J W	Parker W F
Davis Lee	Price E L
Dean Dan	Porter G M
Hammons Carol	Pope C
Herrell J H	Proffett Joel
Hopkins J S	Reneau Mage
Jackson S S	Stevens John W
Keener George	Stiff W H
Killingsworth W	Shipman John E
Johnson W R	Snider Artmus
Johnson W E	Walker Dan
Johnson H M	Wesley Henry
Lafferty A D	Warren Nick
Dynn George	Wallis R J

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

Thomas C. Murray Son of the late Col. T. H. Murray Meets Death in a Horrible Manner

BURIED IN McKINNEY.

A frightful accident occurred one mile south of Dallas, Saturday evening Sept. 11th, in which Thomas C. Murray, aged 16 years and 10 months lost his life. The unfortunate youth had been plowing and was returning home from work sitting sidewise on his mule when another boy suddenly jumped in front of the animal which shied to one side throwing Murray off. In falling his head was caught in the harness and held fast. The freightened mule dashed away dragging the victim to-death. He lived only about fifteen minutes after becoming disentangled, so the boy said whose thoughtless prank caused the terrible accident. The remains were shipped to McKinney on the noon train which were met by a large number of friends and acquaintances and conveyed to Pecan Grove cemetery where they were laid away by the side of his father. Rev. Anderson conducted services at the residence in Dallas and Eld. S. K. Hallam at the grave.

The deceased was the son of Col. T. H. Murray a prominent McKinney citizen who died in 1884. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Jennie E. Murray, two sisters and two brothers all now residents of Dallas. He was also a cousin of Mrs. Geo. W. Fox and Mrs. G. R. Wallace of this city and he had just been home a week, when he met his untimely end, from a month's visit to them in McKinney. THE DEMOCRAT extends condolence to the heartbroken family and commends them to the Great Healer above who alone is able to solace them in this hour of gloom and bind up their wounds of grief.

RELIGIOUS.

There was no preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday—only Sunday school in the morning.

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Dr. H. T. Bone, of Greenville, preached two edifying sermons, Sunday, at the C. P. church in this city.

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The ice-cream supper at Blythe's chapel, Saturday night, was satisfactory to all parties concerned. The gross receipts amounted to $115.80. Prof. Sam Jones conducted the singing.

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Pastor D. J. Martin will preach on the following subject at the Methodist church next Sunday, "Duties and Relations of a Methodist Pastor of the M. E. church South to His Special Charge." Go out and hear some able preaching.

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Rev. Graham F. Albright of Terrell preached, Sunday afternoon, at Whites Grove. Rev. Albright was foreman of THE DEMOCRAT for two years during 1889 and 1890.

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The Epworth Leaguers held their bi-monthly literary meeting with Miss Pearl Stacy, Monday evening. Owing to unfavorable weather the attendance was not large as it otherwise would have been.

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Rev. R. A. N. Wilson, who has been pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Hubbard City, Tex., for the past twenty-two years, has tendered his resignation, to take charge of a mission work at Pueblo, Col.

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Topic for the Y. P. S. C. E. next Sunday is "Losing one's life and finding it". John 12: 1-8; 20—26. The meeting at the Christian church is to be lead by Miss Annie Hill, which insures a fine, spirited meeting. All friends are cordially invited to the service.

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Do not forget the song practice at the Christian church on Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. All friends are cordially invited to meet and spend an hour or so in singing. All are especially requested to be present next Friday evening promptly at 8.

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Especial mention is made of the duet by Miss Annie Hill and Mr. G. A. Sullivan at the Christian church last Sunday night, The piece was well rendered, and highly appreciated by all present.

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The Cumberland Presbyterian Synod of Texas convenes at Terrell today. In consequence of this state meeting, there will be no preaching at the church of that denomination in this city next Sunday as Rev. J. H. Wofford, the pastor, will be absent attending the Synod.

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Mrs. W. T. Beverly of the McKinney Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist church is attending the North Texas Conference at Sherman.

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The trustees of the Allen M. E. church have purchased the Jim Lockhart lot just east of the church. Mr. Lockhart will move his building from same. The grounds are now spacious enough for a large arbor, which will be built when needed, to accommodate the congregations on special occasions during the hot season.

Rev. Ben H. Bounds of the Weston circuit was a guest of Rev. D. J Martin one night last week. Rev. Bounds has had some successful meetings on his work this year.

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Dr. Eustice E. King preached two excellent sermons at the Baptist church, Sunday. His morning theme was "Sowing By the Waters." Evening subject "Rejoicing, he went on his way." Prof. Powell of the Institute presided at the organ at night and sang a duet with Mrs. King.

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Pastor Hallam preached two magnificent sermons at the Chrstian church last Sunday to fine audiences. There were 101 present at Sunday school, and the Edeavorers had good attendance. Services as usual next Sunday, Sunday school at 9. 30, Preaching at 11 and 8, Junior Endeavor at 4. 30, Intermediates at 5. 30, and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.45.

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Splendid congregations were out, Sunday morning and evening, at the Methodist church. Rev. Martin preached excellent sermons on both occasions. The Epworth League devotional services at 5 p. m. were also well attended and inspiring. The topic for September is "The Christ of St. Paul." Subject for next Sunday evening "His character and Teaching" 2-Cor. 10:1; Rom. 1:16; 12: 9-21. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these Sunday afternoon services and take part in them. The meeting hour is 5 o'clock.

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An Anna report dated Sept. 11 in the Dallas News concerning the big meeting there as follows:

"The tabernacle meeting conducted by Evangelist B. B. Sanders and Prof. E. M. Douthit of the Christian church is assuming immense proportions. The audiences are very large and the interest profound. There have been quite a number of conversions and the whole community is religiously stirred. This evening there will be about thirty persons baptized in the creek about three miles east of this place. The evangelists will remain over Sunday and perhaps part of next week, when they go to McGregor."

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CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

F. M. Hill is in Greenville this week on business.

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Five chairs at East Side Barber Shop and first class artists. Doc Turner, Proprietor.

G. H. Chance spent Sunday with Climax friends.

Look at the Estey and Camp & Co., Piano before you buy and be convinced of their superiority to other pianos.
J. T. Couch.

Stationary and full line of scrap books at Nickle Store.

Do your barbering at the East Side Barber shop. First class barbers to serve you and circulating fans to keep you cool.

Mrs. Jesse Barnes has returned from a visit to Gainesville friends.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Immense stock of matting just received. All grades and qualities from the best Chinese to the cheapest at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland Cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard.

You can get a first-class shave at the East Side Barber Shop for 10 cents Doc Turner, Propr.

Miss Ella Newsome is a guest at the home of Hon. Dudley Wooten at Dallas.

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When in McKinney take your meals at Vincent's restaurant, west of J. P. Dowell's.

Go the Nickel Store, first door west of the post office.

State Senator, J. R. Gough, went over to Greenville Tuesday, returning next day.

Spend your nickel at the Nickle Store.

Highest market price is always paid by Goostree & Houston to their customers for cotton.

Stylish work and your comfort looked after at the Foote House Barber shop. Hinman & Richardson, Proprietors.

H. C. Herndon and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Rhea Jr., in Dallas, Sunday.

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Miss Pearl Dowell has gone to Belton, Texas, to resume her studies in Baylor Female College.

The pulpit, the bench and the bar recommend Cheatham's Chill Tonic as the finest aniperiodic in use, being free from poison and guaraneeed, put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless in 50c size.

Veterinary Surgeon H. H. Robbins paid Farmersville a professional visit yesterday.

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Will R. Hill and wife and little daughter, Vivian, visited in Dallas the first of the week.

The McKinney Steam Laundry began business Monday at the old plant. Bob Sawyer is their representative.

Have your tonsorial work done at the Foote House barber shop.—Hinman & Richardson, proprietors.

J. A. McKey, H. & T. C. telegraph operator of this city, is just back from a two weeks' vacation with relatives in Mississippi.

The H. & T. C. R. R. is selling Round trip tickets to the celebrated Warm Wells at Marlin, Tex., good for 30 days at $6.85 for Round trip from McKinney.

Dr. G. A. Foote has arrived home from the summer resort of Manitou Springs. During his absence he also visited Yellow Stone Park.

Wanted—Trustworthy and active gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible house in Texas. Monthly $65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. W. Chicago.

J. W. Younger of Nevada is on the jury this week. He is a leading citizen of his community and a successful farmer.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

G. H. Sims and J. R. Edwards, two Lavon farmers, were attending court here this week. The latter gentleman has our thanks for subscription money on the Democrat.

A lady was so reduced in flesh last summer by the chills that she actually had to wear suspenders to hold her corset up. Some friend advised her to take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic—she did so. That pair of suspenders for sale cheap. She now tips the beam at 140 pounds Guaranteed. Tasteless size 50c.

W. T. Bell and Miss Fannie Brantley were married Sunday evening by Esq. J. H. Faulkner. The ceremony was performed about three miles south of town.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, Pure Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

The Ben Estes store room on the North side is being arranged preparatory for a grocery stock. W. T. Cox and James Berry will be proprietors of the new business.

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Robert W. son of Rev. Gribble of Rheas Mill, has entered school in the Fort Worth Polytechnic College. Up to the beginning of the present week 210 pupils were enrolled in that school.

A Happy Woman.

A happy woman necessarily must have a good liver, therefore to be happy keep the liver healthy. PRICKLEY ASH BITTERS will tone up the system, purify the bowels, and put the liver right whenever there is any deviation from healthy regularity. It is a valuable remedy to keep on hand for immediate use when occasion requires it. Sold by Smith Bros.

Miss Kate McAuley had the misfortune of losing a gold watch a few days ago and the good fortune later of recovering the same from an old negro who found it in the street.

"My boy came home from school one day with his head badly lacerated and bleeding and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis Mo. "I dressed the wound and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

Byron Bowers, formerly with J. P. Crouch & Co., and for a few years more recently with a leading Waxahachie Hardware firm, came up on his bicycle Saturday and remained over a day with his friend C. W. Goodin.

Look through the Nickel Store next time you are in McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Thompson entertained a few of their young friends Friday evening in honor of their cousin, Miss Lena Henry, of Greenville, Ill., who is visiting them.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring time, tra la,
Found him sick in bed with the chills pooh bah;
But Cheatham's Chill Tonic got him upon his feetlets,
And he now daily sings while tripping the streetlets.
It undoubtedly cured his shakes, ha, ha."

If you want prosperity's breezes to blow through your whiskers trade at the Nickel Store.

To live or not to live is the question which annually confronts the residents of our low grounds and swampy districts. Take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and live to die a nobler death than by a commonplace chill. Cure guaranteed. Tasteless 50c a bottle.

J. F. Ragsdale fell from a bale of cotton and was painfully hurt at his gin near the East Fork wagon bridge east of town Monday. Dr. J. C. Erwin was called, but Mr. Ragsdale's injuries were found to be not as serious as was at first feared.

A BUSHEL OF WHEAT
Properly prepared will sustain life, strength and energy for a long period, but
PRICKLY ASH BITTERS
Will do more. When the kidneys are diseased it SAVES life, when the liver is torpid it revives and regulates, when the stomach is weak it helps digestion, when the bowels are constipated it relieves and purifies.
PRICKLY ASH BITTERS restores health, strength and energy to the body at a time when food can be of no avail.
IT IS A KIDNEY REMEDY PAR-EXCELLENCE.
PRICE $1.00 PER BOTTLE.
Sold by all Druggists.
Prepared by Prickly Ash Bitters Co., St. Louis, Mo.

MILLINERY!
MILLINERY!
MILLINERY!

New Fall Millinery!

Since returning from New York City myself and entire force of trimmers have been busily engaged in trimming and preparing for my

FALL OPENING!

My Pattern Hats are the most beautiful and elegant styles that could be gotten from Paris and so well are they copied by my able assistants that a glance into my millinery parlors gives one the impression that my entire stock is imported, and presents a most pleasing array of ladies headwear.

MY FALL STOCK IS COMPLETE
AND AWAITS YOUR INSPECTION.

I am prepared to suit all from the cheapest to the most expensive. Soliciting your patronage, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

Mrs. W. E. Marshall

When your stomach begins to trouble you it needs help. The help it needs is to digest your food, and until you get it you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not digestion nor nourishment) weakens the system and allows the disease germ to attack it. The antidote is Shaker's Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker digestive cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach troubles. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

Toys to please the little one's at the Nickel Store.

According to C. W. Noyes' record of the rain Monday evening and night kept at his farm north of town, one and a quarter inches fell. This was the greatest fall at any one time for two months.

When the appetite is weak or nauseated and the smell of food is repugnant to the stomach; when the nervous energy is at a low ebb, caused by hard work in the hot sun or the close air of a room or office, the stimulating, toning and refreshing effect of MCDONALD'S BARLEY ELIXER is exceedingly gratifying. It imparts at once a reviving influence to the whole body enabling it to throw off the depressing effect of overwork. Quiets the stomach, strengthens the digestion, sharpens the appetite and restores the vital energy completely. Sold by Smith Bros.

Prof. F. A. Kluttz has returned from Morganton N. C. where he spent the summer. Prof Klutz has been reemployed to teach New Hope school four miles east of McKinney.

There are not many attractions that have come to McKinney that we can recommend to our readers as highly as we can the Parnell Vitascope Co. The large audience that attended their last entertainment here were loud in their praise of this excellent exhibition. They show here again Monday night sept., 13th and no one should miss this their last opportunity of seeing this wonderful show as the Texas legislature has imposed a high tax on the vitascope, making it impossible for them to exhibit in Texas after Sept. 19th.

To Nashville is in 30 hours and 45 minutes. Trains leaves McKinney at 10:45 a. m., arrives at Nashville following evening at 5:30. Quickest time and as few changes of cars as by any route. Ten days tickets on sale each Tuesday and Thursday at $15.50; 20 day tickets on sale every day at $21.35, also tickets on sale every day good to return until Nov. 7th at $29.10. Through sleeper from Greenville if desired. See W. N. Collier, agent S. S. and Rw'y McKinney, Tex., for tickets. Correspondence solicited.

Representatives of Sanger Bros., Dallas, and Murphy Dry Goods Company of Sherman were in McKinney, Monday, to secure the contract for furnishing the carpets for the New Christian church. The Murphy Dry Goods company secured the contract.

To enumerate the varied, useful household articles for sale at the Nickel Store would be too tedious here, but when in McKinney investigate for yourself.

Miss Birdie Buck left Friday for school at Belton, Texas. She was accompanied to Dallas by her brother Avner Buck. Her sister, Miss Myrtle, will leave this week for Huntsville to attend the State Normal school the coming year.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	6½cts.
Wheat per bus	.90 to 92cts.
Corn per bus	31cts.
Oats per bus	22 to 23cts
Hay baled per ton	$5.00 to $6.00
Millet hay per ton	$5.00 to $6.00.
Flour per cwt	$2.50 to $2.75
Cotton seed per ton	$9.00
Baled Oats per ton	$6.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	60 to 75cts.
Butter per lb	12½ to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 12cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$3.25 to $3.55.
Beef on foot per cwt	$1.75 to $2.50.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.

Nervous and Irritable.

This describes a condition that is common to both sexes and is the result of imperfect digestion and liver disorders. The nerves are weak; the blood deficient in vitalizing and nerve nourishing properties and the excretory organs are clogged up with impurities. The remedy is a thorough overhauling of the body with a reliable tonic Prickly Ash Bitters is especially appropriate in such disorders because of the fourfold curative effect. It strengthens and regulates the liver, heals the kidneys, stimulates the stomach and digestion and opens the sewers of the body so that poison and obstructions are removed through the bowels. Gives strength to the nerves, increases the vital energy, improves the appetite, and contributes that ease of mind and body enjoyed by those in health. Price $1.
Sold by Smith Bros.

Andrew Crozier[illegible] of Gainesville, visited Rev. Martin and family in this city last week. R. C. Clark and family of Plano were also guests at Rev. Martin's home one day last week.

Dredfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Mr. Fagaly, the newly appointed postmaster at Valdasta was in the city to-day.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

J. P. Dowell was in Sherman on business, Saturday.

You can buy the best shave in town at Doc Turner's for 10 cts.

D. Goodin the veteran jewelryman is among the sick.

Covered stew pans 10 and 15 cts at the Fair—Hammond & Sneed.

John G. Dayis suffered the loss of a valuable horse by death one evening recently.

All kinds of country produce in good demand at Melton's.

Joe Dulaney has accepted a position at the Mississippi Store.

Jot Woodall of Verona is in the city as a juror this week.

Tumblers at the Fair for 15 cts. per set.

Alfred Wilson is now with J. W. Jackson at the Bon Ton. He invites his friends to visit him.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Courteous attention, bed-rock prices and best quality of groceries at Goostree and Houston's. See them when in McKinney.

Sumner Lansdale of the Gazette was among the attendants from here to the Sherman Confederate reunion Saturday.

Take your lard, butter, eggs and chickens to Melton's. Then buy your groceries from him.

K. K. Kerr is engineer at the new Roland gin.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Miss Mae Barnett has returned to Whitesboro after a very pleasant visit to relatives and friends in this city.

Melton wants your butter, eggs, chickens and lard.

An effort will be made to raise funds to seat Richland school house by giving an ice cream supper Saturday night, Sept. 25.

A Clear Head.

To be mentally alert, the body must be healthy, the digestion good, blood pure and rich and there must be plenty of sound refreshing sleep. To insure all these things keep on hands at all times a bottle of Macdonald's Barley Elixer. It is a well tested and successful remedy for weakness, disordered digestion, nervousness and diminished energy. Price $1.00.
Sold by Smith Bros.

When you have county or city property to either buy or sell see Byrne, Smith & Mack, McKinney, Texas.

In the establishing of water works it is very important that the quality of the water be considered. To obtain the best water water even at a point to be made. The health interest of our population demands it.

$100 REWARD. $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address,
F. J. CHANEY, & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Goostree & Houston have won their immense grocery trade by honorable dealings with the people. See them when in need of groceries.

The Purnell Vitascope Co. have been requested to give an entertainment for the school children on Friday Night Sept., 17th. Which they have agreed to do. The price will be 15 cents to all great and small. No extra charges for reserve seats. Tickets on sale at Colemans. Buy early to avoid the rush.

Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd arrived home this morning from Manitou Springs where they spent the summer.

A Cure for Bilious Colic.

Reconroe, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoe remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other remedies fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale at City Drug Store.

J. P. Crouch the extensive McKinney merchant has just returned from a two weeks' stay in Chicago. Mr. Crouch makes annual visits to this great market, in the interest of his firm.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by all dealers.

C. B. Moore and daughter, Miss Linnet, arrived home from an extended visit to Gallatin and other Tennessee points including the Centennial city. Mr. Moore looked much invigorated by the trip.

It Saves the Croupy Children.

Seaview, Va.—We have a splendid sale of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers coming from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough remedy had not been given.—Kellam & Ourren.
25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

Dr. J. C. Erwin attended the meeting of the examining board of the fortieth judicial district in Waxahachie this week. Two applicants were examined, one from Hunt and one from Collin.

N. Werenskeold, civil engineer from Dallas, was in the city yesterday looking after the prospects for waterworks in McKinney and will submit an estimate of the cost to the waterworks committee.

M. Aron & Co.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

We are prepared to show the largest and most complete stock of Clothing in North Texas.

We Don't Forget Any.

Men, Boys and Children can everyone be fitted in business, school or Dress Suits.

To Open the Fall Season we beg to quote the following prices:

400 Men's all wool Winter Suits, ranging in price from $6.50 to $9.00, will be sold at

- - $5.50 - -

250 pairs all wool Pants, real value $3.50 to $4.00, will be sold at

. . $2.25 . .

Men's Clothing: In this department are represented all the different styles and qualities, Prince Alberts, Cutaways Round and Square Corner Sacks, all made with a view to perfect style and fit.

Boys' Clothing: We are prepared to offer genuine bargains in Boys Clothing.
A nice assortment of Boys Winter Suits for $1.00.
An elegant line of Plaid Cheviot Suits, well worth $2.50 will be sold for $1.50.

We are determined that the boys of Collin county shall be well and comfortably dressed for this Fall and Winter, and have made preparations for them all. Remember,

Our Dress Goods Department

Is complete, in every sense of the word, embracing all the latest and newest Novelties from the very cheapest to the very finest. We desire to emphasize the fact that We Make

Absolutely One Price For Everybody.

Soliciting your patronage, we are, YOURS VERY TRULY,

M. ARON & CO.,

THE LEADING ONE PRICE DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING HOUSE IN McKINNEY.

H. H. Barron visited his father W. M. Barron in Pilot Point last week, who is in ill health. Mr. Barron is an ex-District clerk of Collin county and has many friends throughout its borders who hope for his speedy recovery at Waco where he is preparing to move.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.

Splenetic fever has been raging lately among cattle in this county. The epidemic is confined almost exclusively to yearlings and in the neighborhood of two hundred head have died. F. M. Hill, of this city, lost sixteen. Dr. H. H. Robbins, veterinary surgeon treated his herd of 600 and saved a greater per cent of the sick ones than recovered in other herds not treated.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.
E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas
READ THIS.
Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.
I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.
A. L. STRONG.
Sold by Smith Bros.

Mrs. Mary Woods, who has been on a prolonged visit to relatives in Texas, left, Tuesday for Arkansas where she will be the guest for a season of a son and family and thence go to her home in Missouri. On the 10th instant at the home of Ex-County Treasurer L. M. Talkington in this city, Mrs. Woods joined with other relatives in celebrating the 89th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Isabelle Rector, who is remarkably preserved mentally and physically for one of her age and who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Talkington and family.

The Vitascope.

The Vitascope entertainment at the opera house Tuesday night was well attended by a highly appreciative audience. The program as carried out consisted in the presentation of the choicest subjects such as the "Bucking Bronco," "The Black Diamond Express," "The Morning Bath," "Feeding The Doves," "The Serpentine Dance," "The Burning Stable," and many other scenes all of which was realistic in a startling degree. The Vitascope is a product of science which cannot fail to interest, amuse and educate. There is nothing objectionable to the most cultured audience. The small price of admission is no measure for the value derived from an evening spent viewing the Vitascope scenes. The company also intersperses the program with first class selections from the phonograph. The entertainment will be repeated Friday night, by request, for the convenience of school children who wish to attend. The price of admission will be only 15 cents for one and all in any part of the house.

In 1896 Arkansas democracy repudiated Cleveland for issuing $262,000,000 bonds and then re-elected J. K. Jones to the U. S. Senate. They did this too in the face of the fact that in 1895 the same J. K. Jones ead introduced a bill in 1895 to issue $500,000,000 bonds.

Mary Nash College.
The Model School for Girls.
Highest course and most experienced faculty in the South. Instruction practical and thorough. Discipline mild, though firm. Training both mental and physical. An ideal home. Catalogue and information on application.
J. G. Nash, Pres., Sherman, Texas.

McKinney & Hill.

Carry the Best Line of

BUGGIES, SADDLES, HARNESS,
COLLARS, BRIDLES, HALTERS,
HITCH REINS, HARNESS OILS,
HARNESS SOAPS, Etc., in McKinney.

Knee Pads Made to Order.

REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

All work guaranteed. Everything First Class and we will not be undersold by anyone.
Remember us with a visit.

McKINNEY & HILL.

VERONA ITEMS.

Lincoln Choral Society Organized —Community Dots.

Sept. 14, '97.

We regret to say that Mrs. F. C. Sharp is very ill but hope for her recovery soon.

Wm. Calloway, late of the I. T. is having a store house built and will open a stock of general merchandise.

The young people met last Tuesday night and organized The Lincoln Choral society with the following officers: A. C. Stroup, president; W. D. Samples, vice-pres.; Miss Mattie Russell, Sec. Tres.; Luther Huggins, Chaplin; T. L. Bailey, Choirister; Robert Bounds, Sargent at Arms. The society has hoisted its colors and waves from its masthead this motto: "The true, the good, the beautiful."

Dr. Charlie Hays, the genial pill driver of Climax, was perambulating our streets Sunday.

Miss Ella Burton and sister of Princeton spent Sunday with their brother, W. J. Burton of our community.

D. W. LEIGH.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

The Estey Organ

HAS A HAND RUBBED ACCLIMATED CASE,

AND HAS A TONE THAT IS NOT FOUND IN ANY OTHER ORGAN.

THE ESTEY ORGAN

Produces a Pure, Round Tone, Especially Adapted to the Human Voice.

THE ESTEY ORGAN LEADS THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL PITCH . . .

Its case is neat in design, but its Supremacy is in its Excellent tone.

TO ACQUIRE A CLEAR, SWEET VOICE, SING WITH AN

ESTEY ORGAN

J. F. Couch

Manufacturers' Agent.
Bingham Block.
McKinney, Texas.

Don't Overlook

The best place in town to get your Furniture, Stoves, Queensware and House Furnishing Goods.

We kindly ask your inspection. We will meet competition in all lines . . .

Asbury & Nelson.

Positions Guaranteed.

Metropolitan Business College

(W. W. DARBY, A. RAGLAND and E. S. GAUSE, Associate Proprietors.)

Book-keeping, Banking, Shorthand, Type-writing, Penmanship and Spanish.

A Course of Study that meets more nearly than any other the demands of this progressive age. The ablest corps of experienced teachers ever associated with any Business College in the South. The finest all-round penman in Texas. The largest and most successful Department of Shorthand and Type-writing in the Southwest.

Positions Guaranteed Under a Written Contract Backed by Skill Honor and Capital. You can patronize this School without risk! Catalogue Free, write for it, address

The Metropolitan Business College, Dallas, Texas.

Land For Sale.

1500 acres of good prairie land under a four wire fence 17 miles west of Denton.

This land yielded 2 tons of fine hay per acre this year and can be BOUGHT FOR $8.50 PER ACRE, one-third cash and the balance in one, two, three and four years.

2d tract 1280 acres of good black waxy land to be cut up in 100 acre tracts,

One-half of which is in cultivation with 4 sets of houses, for sale at $20 per acre. One-third cash, balance on long time.

I also have a number of small farms for sale at from $15 to $18 per acre, on easy terms.

Also a few sandy land farms from 40 to 100 acre tracts, very well improved from $10 to $12 per acre.

For further particulars call on or write T. K. BLEWETT.

Real Estate and Loan Agent at Denton, Texas.

Star Restaurant and Bakery . . .

Oldest Restaurant in Collin County.

Regular Meals, Lunches. Short Orders at all hours.

FISH AND OYSTERS IN SEASON.

BEST BREAD, CAKES, ETC., IN THE CITY.

Prompt Delivery. Special Rates to country dealers, picnics, entertainments. Your patronage solicited.

THOMPSON BROS., Proprietors.

McKINNEY, TEXAS.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy fulfils every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder, and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and over comes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get many times during the night to urinate The mild and the extraordinarr effect of Swamp-Root is soot realized. It stand the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE DEMOCRAT and send your name to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

The will of the late T. H. King of Greenville was admitted to probate on the 11th.

Miss Lucile Wilson of Allen arrived Friday from a visit to the family of Judge G. F. Thomas at Bowie, Texas.

Winfield S. King, wife and little sons, Ray and Roy, arrived in McKinney Thursday from Murphysboro, Ills. They will make Collin county their future home.

WESTON WINDINGS.

Successful Meeting—School Begins—Two weddings—will Go To South Texas.

Sept. 13th, 1897.

The Baptist protracted meeting closed last Monday with several conversions and additions. Rev. G. B. Airheart, the present pastor, will be retained for the ensueing year. Rev. Airheart is a self-made young man, and his members are well pleased with him.

The members of the Epworth League are keeping their organization alive.

The M. E. Church is growing with good attendance and interest of its young and veteran members.

Lige Boren and Miss Maggy Perry were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride last Sunday, Rev. Alex Runnion officiated. The happy couple received congratulations from many friends.

John Drury and Miss Etha Chandler, two highly estimable young people of our community were joined in wedlock by Eld. Horn, at the home of the bride, last Tuesday evening. Their many friends wish them a pleasant life. May wreaths of joy forever entwine their brows.

Our school opened up last Monday with an attendance of 70 pupils. A lively school is anticipated.

Prof. W. S. Smith, a successful teacher, will teach school at Chambersville.

Several of our citizens will move to southern Texas, this fall.

The farmers are making good headway gathering their crops. They think, as the politicians have no mercy on them, that God almighty has arranged for them to get a good price for their wheat.

Much sickness has prevailed, but nearly all are recovering.

The high tax on the rate of liquors has injured Mr. Alcohol's business more than the local option did.

OBSERVER.

Printing Done at Home.

The new board of supervisors of Marion county has requested the county officials to buy all blanks, envelopes and letter heads from Marion county printers, and threatened to cut foreign printing bills till they will not want to do work for Marion county. The resolutions recite that home printed letter heads and home printed blanks may have no red streaks around them, but they are good enough for poor folks, and the money is kept in circulation in Marion county and not vaulted away in the coffers of some city printing company; that we should rather see the home printer have $2 to buy a pocket knife than to have a traveling representative march in with a half dozen $2 knives to give away. The Marion county board is evidently composed of a solid, sensible lot of men.—Marshal Star.

The Campaign Opened.

The prohibition campaign was formally opened Saturday night at the court house. There was a good size audience present considering the short notice given, and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. A large number of ladies were in attendance.

Capt. W. C. Dutton, Hon. M. M. Brooks and R. C. Dial addressed the meeting and it was announced that a warm campaign would be waged by the friends of prohibition, as soon as the forces are organized.—Greenville Banner.

Bedford Davis was killed by lightning at Celeste on the 10th.

GETTING READY

Every expectant mother has a trying ordeal to face. If she does not



get ready for it, there is no telling what may happen. Child-birth is full of uncertainties if Nature is not given proper assistance.

Mother's Friend

is the best help you can use at this time. It is a liniment, and when regularly applied several months before baby comes, it makes the advent easy and nearly painless. It relieves and prevents "morning sickness," relaxes the overstrained muscles, relieves the distended feeling, shortens labor, makes recovery rapid and certain without any dangerous after-effects.

Mother's Friend is good for only one purpose, viz.: to relieve motherhood of danger and pain.

$1 dollar per bottle at all drug stores, or sent by mail on receipt of price.

FREE BOOKS, containing valuable information for women, will be sent to any address upon application to

THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Gold Versus Life.

Men are at present risking their lives for gold. There is a stampede of eager, willing matyrs to the inhospitable country of the Klondyke. Many will perish from cold and hunger. Not one quarter of the people who go there will ever return. Not one-half of those who do return will return any richer than they went. They will not only endanger their health, but their lives, for the sake of gold. And yet everybody says that health is more precious than gold. The thing which restores health is, therefore, more precious than gold. Pe-ru-na restores health, cures all forms of weakness, all forms and stages of catarrh, builds up brokenback to all those who have become prematurely old. The latest and best book ever written on the subject of female diseases will be sent free, to women only, for a short time. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

A Worthy Postmaster.

Farmersville is fortunate in having a first-class postmaster in the person of W. H. Chapman. He is one of the most obliging, studious and energetic public servants we have ever met. He is not arrogant and careless, but pleasant and faithful to his duties. He is not afraid of donating too much politeness and too many favors to his patrons. As an example, we call especial attention to one reform he has instituted in his office. Each week he gathers all the papers addressed to one man, including his local paper, and places them all under one fold, thus when that patron calls for his mail he gets all his papers including back numbers. This method rids the office of accumulated mail, insures the delivery of papers promptly and thus aids the publisher by relieving him of complaints. Mr. Chapman also kindly allows the local papers to leave a few extra copies in his office each week so that if any subscriber fails to get his paper he can be supplied with a copy at the post office window, thus satisfying the subscriber and at the same time accommodating the publisher.

We trust that the able services of Mr. Chapman will be duly recognized by both his patrons and the "Great Father" at Washington.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Married in a Buggy.

The Wylie Rustler gives an account of the following marriage in its last issue:

Mr. J. E. Ivey, of Josephine, and Miss Clara Hightower, of this city, were married Tuesday morning in a buggy in front of the residence of Rev. A. G. May, who spoke the words that made them man and wife. The young couple left at once for Qainlan, at which point they will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends, going from there to their new home at Josephine.

The bride is a daughter of J. S. Hightower, of this city, and is well liked by all who know here, while her life's partner is a promising young man of Josephine and stands high in that community.

Object Of Political Parties.

Recently, Gen. Carl Schurz made an address to the German-Americans at Cincinnati and said:

The object of political parties should be to unite those of the same political opinion to common action. It should only be a means to reach public aims. The gaining of spoils is the most demoreliziug of all party aims. It brings the party machine and the boss into existence, which represent the worst features of political egotism. Every machine becomes in the course of time a band of robbers. The boss, through necessity, becomes their chief, even if he did not intend to do so in the beginning. Party discipline is perfectly proper, as long as the party serves to a good public purpose. If it ceases to do that, it will become more corrupt and dangerous in proportion to the discipline of its members. A party that may depend upon the support of its members, even if it makes the devil its candidate, will sooner or later nominate the devil. The unreliability of its members in case of corruption will always be the best means to preserve the purity of a party.

The B. B. Y. P. U's entertainment Friday evening at the Baptist church drew out a fine audience. The program throughout was instructive and spiritually upbuilding in its nature. The opening number was a piano duet by Mrs. E. E. King and Miss Lizzie Crouch followed by a few remarks by the pastor Rev. E. E. King, who introduced Dr. J. T. Taylor the new president. Dr. Taylor thanked the B. Y. P. U.'s for the honor conferred and heartily welcomed all to the exercises of the evening. Next, Mrs. J. T. McDaniel sang a solo with piano accompaniment by Miss Cassie Nenney. Recitation by Miss Mazie Webb. Solo, Dr. J. T. Taylor. Recitation, Miss Mamie Dowell. Piano solo, Miss Midge Melton. Solo, Miss Elliott Harris. At the conclusion of the program about 200 guests assembled in the Sunday school room where refreshments were served.

TRXAS FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

An Address to the Members of the Order Relative to the Uniform Rank.

Peaster, Tex., Sept. 4.—To the members of the Farmers' alliance of Texas—Greeting: Dear brothers and sisters: Pursuant to a call of the Farmers' State alliance we, the joint committe selected to perfect a plan of organization for the establishing of the "uniform rank" in connection with the general work of the alliance, and the transacting of other business, convened on Sept.,3, 1897, for the purpose of careing out the instructions of the Farmers' state alliance of Texas.

After careful consultation and invihtigation we have outlined a plan of organization that we believe will meet with the approval of every Farmers' alliance throughout the state. The plan of organization will be furnished county and Farmers' alliances by the president, C. B. Bowen of Pester, Tex., in printed form at as early a day as possible.

While we realize the fact that the adoption of the "uniform rank" is voluntary on the part of the membership, yet believing as we do that this new feature will be both instructive and attractive, especially to the young and active members of the order, will place our order on a higher plan as a social, educational institution side by side with other fraternal and educational organizations, therefore we recommend that Farmers' alliance take the nocessary steps to organize the "uniform rank," as outlined, as soon as convenient.

The National Farmers' alliance and Industrial union having drifted far from the fundamental principles of the order, has amended onr constitution and demands without the consent of the membership a sacred right guaranteed to them by the National Farmers' alliance and Industrial union when said organization was perfected at Meridan, Miss., in 1888.

Also believing that the national order is becomeing partisan in politics, therefore the Farmers' alliance of Texas, at its last meeting, resolved to withdraw from the national organization shall return to the principles and purposes as outlined at St. Louis in 1890.

With these facts before us and the conditions confronting us we are of the opinion that with an active membership and a good corps of organizers in each county that the time is propitious for a general revival of alliance work throughout the state.

Therefore we appeal to the membership and all old organizations to exert every effort to rekindle the campfires around every alliance altar in the state. With hearts ablaze with patriotism characteristic of Texas alliance men we will soon close up our ranks and enlarge our borders until our banners are again proudly floating from every hill top and in every valley throughout the cotton belt.

With the cotton producers more closely allied together for the protection of the toiling masses of the southland, who are now at the mercy of gigantic combinations, and having heretofore as an organization successfully combatted Jute, bagging and binder twine trusts, therefore with our people closely organized we can again successfully combat all combinations that are now sapping the life-blood from our industries, thereby placing our people once more on that high plan of prosperity and happiness where God and justice and the founders of our republic demand that we should occupy and enjoy.

May he who ruleth the destinies of nations move upon the hearts of the people, arouse their patriotism and impress upon them the necessity of immediate and closer organization of the industrial classes.

Signed by joint committee, C. B. Bowen, Evan Jones, S. O. Daws, J. B. Meroney, and O. F. Dornblazer.

LEBANON SIFTINGS.

Allen and Lebanon Schools Begin—Wedding—Baptist Association.

Sept. 7, 1897.

The ice cream supper at the Methodist church on the 28th. ult. was well attended.

School commenced at Lebanon and Allen yesterday.

The Baptist association will be in session at Lebanon for the next four days. The protracted meeting at Rowlett church closed Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Young and Miss Minnie Spradley were happily married at the bride's home near McKinney, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Cloyd officiated. A long, happy and successful life is the wish of their many friends.

Rev. Morgan has been called to preach at Rowlett another year.

We learn that Lou Canedy is going to move to Green county soon.

T. B. Carroll will move to Allen soon.

Corn and cotton will be very short in this section, even shorter than anticipated. BIMET.

Collin County Baptist Association.

This body of Christian workers met in their twelfth annual session at Lebanon Sept, 7. It was organized by electing the following officers, viz: R. H. Coleman of Plano, Moderator; Rev. Mr. Newsome of Lucas, Secretary and Robt. L. Ray of McKinney, Treasurer.

It is composed of messengers from all the Baptist churches of the county, of which there are forty-two with an aggregated membership of about forty-five-hundred. Each church may have two messengers, with one additional member for each $100, contributed to missions. The churches send letters to the association in which they give a statistical report of the work they have done during the year. The reports for the most part were encouraging. The churches generally had enjoyed revivals, their members had been increased, and they had contributed something to missions.

The work of the association is missionary and educational. It is in full accord with the general Baptist Convention of the state, and supports with it all our denominational enterprises. We have missionaries at work in destitute fields in the state, in the large cities as well as in the country. We also contribute to our Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., with missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Japan, Brazil and Mexico, on whom we spend annually more than $100,000, and to our Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., which has missions in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and in Cuba, and among all the Foreign populations in the Southern States. We all contribute to Sunday schools and Bible work, and to Buckner's Orphan Home. Reports are made on these enterprises and on our two state educational institutions, Baylor University at Waco, and Baylor College at Belton. The reports are generally discussed with a lively interest, and the discussion is usually closed with a cash collection for the object under consideration.

Visitors from other Baptist bodies are always invited to seats on the floor of the association, and among those at the last meeting were: Rev. Joseph Eldrige of Santa Anna, Rev. J. W. Loving of East Tennessee, Mr. Doc Pegus general missionary of the Texas Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. J. M. Robertson of the American Baptist Publication Society, Dr. B. H. Carroll of Waco, Rev. Mr. Swofford of Arkansas and Rev. T. W. Compere of Greenville.

After a pleasant and profitable session of three days the association adjourned to meet in McKinney on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September 1897.

E. E. KING,
McKinney, Texas, Sept, 14, 1897.

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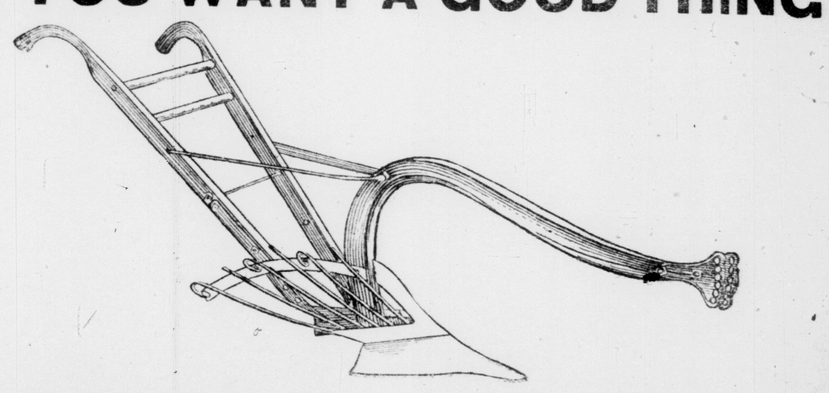
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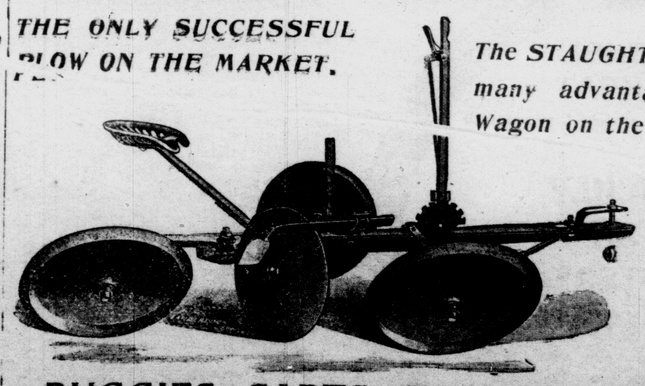
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